CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MARCH 15, 2022 - MARAMONTE COMMUNITY CENTER, 620 E. SUNRISE DRIVE

INVOCATION
Pastor Israel Gonzales gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Escobedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield (participated via telephone), and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the day of April 4, 2022, as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Santa Maria. Kirsten Escobedo of the Santa Barbara County Special Education Program accepted the Proclamation.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of March 2022 as Red Cross Month in the City of Santa Maria. Tony Briggs, of the regional Red Cross, accepted the Proclamation.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received from Wyatt Russell who requested flexibility regarding helmet laws for skateboarders and Francisco Anguiano who requested that the City maintain a healthy relationship with skateboarders.

Gary Hall requested that a rent stabilization ordinance be placed on a future City Council meeting agenda.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution No. 2022-25 and Ordinance No. 2022-01. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 2, 2022.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Conduct the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-01 amending Section 2-2.02 (Salaries Designated) of the Santa Maria Municipal Code increasing City Council salaries.

Action: Ordinance No. 2022-01 adopted.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Ordinance No. 2022-01. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution extending the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code §54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Extension of hybrid meeting option approved.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-25. 5-0.

E. Receive the 2021 General Plan Annual Report, and direct the Chief Deputy City Clerk to file the report with the Governor's Office of Planning & Research and the State Housing & Community Development Department.

Action: 2021 General Plan Annual Report received.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **6:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS FOR DISTRICT ELECTIONS.** The City Council received a presentation from National Demographics Corporation (NDC) on draft maps, chose a draft map, and introduced an Ordinance amending the City's Municipal Code regarding Elections to adopt a City Council Electoral District Map based on the 2020 Census.

Public hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Sara Ilenstine, Gary Hall, Daryl Scheck, Daniel Mora, and Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt expressed their support for the Quadrant Map (Map A.4.)

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Action: Map A.2. - Minimal Change Plan B Map by NDC was adopted and staff was directed to incorporate the map into an Ordinance for further consideration.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Map A.2 (Minimal Change Plan B Map) adopted. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Cordero and Councilmember Soto.

Action: Introduce for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, an Ordinance amending Sections 2-25.04 and 2-25.05 of Chapter 2-25 of the Santa Maria Municipal Code to adopt a City Council Electoral Districts Map based on the results of the 2020 census.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.

5 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **MEASURE U CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT.** The City Council received the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee 2020-2021 Annual Report. Assistant City Manager Hackleman and Measure U Committee Vice-Chair Owen gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Action: Measure U report received and filed.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be April 5, 2022. Items on the agenda would include several proclamations, the Hometown Heroes presentation, the Block Grant Advisory Committee's CDBG funding recommendations, the Measure A Program of Projects update, and the Local Roadway Safety Plan.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a Read Across America event and the Hancock College MESA/STEM Center grand opening.

Councilmembers Escobedo, Soto, and Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 meetings.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a tour of the Santa Maria riverbed with the Park Rangers and Code Enforcement Division; a Read Across America event; a Livable CA teleconference; an SBCAG Special Joint meeting; the Library Ad Hoc Committee meeting; the Elected Leaders Forum to Address Homelessness; and the Mayor's Teen Council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on April 5, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

4/1/2022

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria